



**Pakistan – Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on 12 November 2013**

**Are there any reports of the Taliban killing people working for the ISI, even after they quit the ISI?**

References to the killing of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) employees by the Pakistani Taliban were scarce among sources available to the Research and Information Unit.

An article published by Right Vision News states:

“Five suicide bombers stormed the regional headquarters of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), killing at least two officials and injuring 35 others in the Barrage Colony, shortly after Iftar here on Wednesday. An ISI official and an employee of the Commissioner House were killed in the attack. Sources said that a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden vehicle into the gate of the ISI headquarters while two others detonated explosives rigged to their bodies inside the office. They said that an alleged bomber was arrested following the explosions, which damaged several vehicles and buildings and left a deep crater near the ISI headquarters.” (Right Vision News (26 July 2013) *Pakistan: Terrorists storm ISI headquarters in Sukkur*)

See also Voice of America News report which states:

“Taliban militants in Pakistan have claimed responsibility for Wednesday’s unprecedented suicide gun-and-bomb attack on a regional headquarters facility of the country’s main spy agency. Authorities say the raid and ensuing shootout left nine people, including five attackers, dead.” (Voice of America News (25 July 2013) *Pakistani Taliban Attack Raises New Fears*)

This report also states:

“The shootout lasted for more than an hour and left the three attackers dead. Authorities have confirmed the deaths of three ISI officers and one of their civilian colleagues in the attack. Some 40 people were reported wounded in the blasts and the ensuing gun-battle.” (ibid)

A Right Vision News article on the killing of a suspected informer states:

“A man suspected to be a police informant was killed in Kunwari Colony on Sunday. Police said the incident took place within the remit of the Pirabad police station where unknown suspects targeted Abdul Ghafoor, 35. They said the victim had links with the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan. He was a close aide of Amir Sher Khan, a suspected Ameer of the TTP in Sultanabad. The police said that Ghafoor was killed by his associates on suspicion of his being an informant of the police.” (Right Vision News (31 October 2012) *Pakistan: 13 killed over Eid days*)

A report from The Express Tribune on a killing of an alleged police informant attributed to the Pakistani Taliban states:

“A police source, however, said that the deceased had served as a middleman between the police and Taliban settled in Manghopir and its surrounding areas, adding that he was apparently killed over suspicions of being a police informant.” (The Express Tribune (17 June 2013) *A case of blown cover?: Alleged police informant killed by TTP in Manghopir*)

This article also states:

‘His death is a loss of the police department as he had assisted the police in several raids,’ said the source. ‘He was doing a very risky job and had agreed to work with only reliable officers. I knew he would be killed if his companions found out about him.’” (ibid)

This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research and Information Unit within time constraints. This response is not and does not purport to be conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please read in full all documents referred to.

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